Relief to victims of rains in Karnataka

1555. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount sought to provide relief to victims of large scale destruction caused by rain in Bangalore, Mysore, Mandya and Hassan districts during the last two months;

(b) whether an all party delegation met the hon'ble Prime Minister of India in this regard;

(c) the amount so far released by Government in this regard; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken to release the remaining amount?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) to (d) The Government of Karnataka has submitted a memorandum seeking financial assistance of Rs. 1256.90 crore from National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) for the damage caused by heavy rains/floods of September-October 2005. An Inter-Ministerial Central Team has visited the State *w.e.f.* 8th-11th November, 2005 for an on the spot assessment of damage and requirements of funds. The report of the Central Team has since been received and is under examination for being placed before the Inter-Ministerial Group and thereafter before the High Level Committee to decide the quantum of assistance to be provided from NCCF, as per the laid down procedure. Based on the decision of the High Level Committee, financial assistance is released to the concerned State Government from the NCCF.

An all party delegation had met the Hon'ble Prime Minister on 5th November 2005 in this regard.

Naxalism in states

†1556. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the situation in more than 100 naxalism affected districts of 11 States of the country, is very explosive;

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